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Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis inspects the guard outside Province House before the opening of the spring session of the legislature on Thursday. Francis later delivered her final throne speech, as she will be replaced by retired Brig.-Gen. John James Grant later this spring. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

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Uncertainty looms over defence cuts

Finance. Federal budget won't have impact on shipbuilding contract: Ministers

National Defence took a big hit in Thursday's federal budget, but this is not expected to affect the shipbuilding contract, said Nova Scotia Finance Minister Graham Steele.

Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is trimming \$5.2 billion in annual spending, with the National Defence budget receiving the biggest cut of \$1.1 billion by 2014-15. Alternatively, the Coast Guard is receiving \$5.2 billion over 11 years for new boats and helicopters.

"The federal government says it's going to keep the regular forces at the same level, that's promising, so the details on this are yet to come," Steele said.

MacKay speaks

Defence Minister Peter MacKay told Metro the Irving shipbuilding contract would not be negatively affected by cuts to his department.

• "That money is earmarked. That money is there, it's solid within the budget," he said.

• "This is going to create huge advantages for our province in the future," MacKay added. "That's why I'm glad to see this budget contains measures that are aimed at helping with training, helping to highlight programs that will be available to young people and people who want to get back in the workforce."

JON TATTIE/FOR METRO

He said it appears the cuts won't affect the shipbuilding contract, but he'd like con-

crete reassurance from Defence Minister Peter MacKay.

"It's so important to Nova Scotia's future," Steele said.

He said his staff have combed through the budget documents and found nothing that would require the Nova Scotia budget to change.

"I expect to deliver the provincial budget next week as scheduled," Steele said.

He's also concerned about the impacts of cuts to the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (\$17.9 million in ongoing reductions), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (\$79.3 million) and changes in the business model for the National Research Council.

Mayor Peter Kelly is also worried about the impacts of cuts to defence.

"We wouldn't want to see any impact to the naval operations," Kelly said. "I want to make sure it wouldn't impact that approved (shipbuilding) contract." JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO

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## Government jobs on the move?

The province is looking at moving some government offices out of HRM.

"There are some services that could actually be better delivered from communities outside of Halifax," Premier Darrell Dexter told reporters after Thursday's throne speech.

Technology these days means that work doesn't have to be done in Halifax, he said.

Further details, including how many public-sector workers will be impacted and the costs of moving, will come through the budget, Dexter said.

He did say it "wouldn't be thousands" of jobs, and employees, unions and departmental stakeholders would be consulted first.

"It will be done in areas it makes sense," he said, but he was not willing to give examples.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said it needs to be determined if government is moving departments or growing bureaucracy.

Dexter said it's not growing bureaucracy but putting existing functions in communities where it makes more sense for them to be.

While not opposed to the idea, Tory Leader Jamie Baillie called it an empty promise since it refers to new and consolidating departments, of which there are none at the moment.

Mayor Peter Kelly said he can understand the need to relocate on a small scale if necessary, but he also said HRM is accessible and centrally located in the province.

"As long as there is reason and rationale to go along with it and not carte blanche," he said.

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The view from the public gallery as Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis reads the throne speech to open the spring session of the legislature at Province House on Thursday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

# Plans and strategies

## Throne speech.

There will be new legislation governing mortgage brokers and lenders, and updated legislation for the funeral sector



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The opposition called it a work of fiction, but the governing NDP called it The Future Starts Here.

Lt.-Gov. Mayann Francis delivered her last throne speech to open the fourth session of the 61st general assembly on Thursday.

Employment and eco-

## Quotable

"We're treating this as it deserves to be treated — as evidence that the government has completely lost touch with reality."

Tory Leader Jamie Baillie

nomic growth is booming in Nova Scotia, she said.

"Nova Scotia is heading into an era of what promises to be great prosperity," she said.

Most of the speech revolved around upcoming plans and strategies like the Welcome Home to Nova Scotia, the province's new immigration strategy, and the Cape Breton Strategic Framework Advancement project.

The province will establish a special operating agency to involve tourism

operators and experts to create a long-term tourism strategy. There will also be strategies on improving mental-health and addiction care, fisheries and a mineral incentive program providing financial assistance to prospectors.

In terms of legislation, Status of the Artist legislation will be introduced this spring session to "reflect the importance of art and culture to Nova Scotians." There's also a new cleaner-energy framework and a Fish Harvesters Registration

and Certification Act on the way.

At best lacking and at worst "fiction," Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil and Tory Leader Jamie Baillie were not at all impressed with this direction of government.

"Nova Scotians will be disappointed from what they heard today," McNeil said. "There's nothing in this throne speech that addresses rising power costs in the province of Nova Scotia. Nothing in this helps Nova Scotians with the rising cost of gasoline."

Baillie said the promises within the speech are misleading.

"To tell all Nova Scotians they're putting more money back in their pockets when they've taken out \$743 from each of us in extra HST is a work of fiction."

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### On the web

## Prairie take on Bohemian Rhapsody

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## Growing numbers. Metro Halifax readership up 40 per cent in the last year

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In comparison to NAD-bank 2010 results, this represents an increase of 129,700 daily readers and 372,100 weekly readers.

These latest results show Metro Canada continues to reach more adults 18 and over than the Globe and Mail and National Post combined.

Locally, Halifax grew a whopping 40 per cent year over year, with more than one in five Haligonians reading Metro every day and one in two every week.

"The NADbank results



Greg Lutes, Metro group publisher, Eastern Canada. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

confirm just what a huge impact Metro has had in Halifax since entering the market just four years ago," says Greg Lutes, Metro group publisher, Eastern Canada. "More and more Haligonians every year are making the switch from a traditional daily newspaper to Metro, reflected in the fact that Metro readership grew by 33,000 readers, while the other two daily papers in the market lost readers."

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A CanJet hangar is seen at the Halifax Stanfield Airport in this file photo. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## CanJet's Halifax layoffs came without sign: Union president

CanJet has laid off the last 18 flight attendants working out of Halifax, the union says.

Mary Fougere is the union local's president and one of those who lost her job.

She said they met with the company Monday and learned they were all losing their positions.

"There was no sign leading up to this. We were on the end of a successful winter flying season," she told

Metro on Thursday.

CanJet mainly offered winter routes to sunshine destinations out of Halifax.

"We're in shock that they're laying off all the members," she said.

CanJet could not be reached for comment, but Fougere said the cutbacks were due to a reduction in flights out of Halifax.

The 18 Halifax flight attendants are senior staff and

have bumping rights across the country. The nearest base is Montreal. The other bases are in Toronto and Vancouver.

"They are having to make very tough decisions about relocating," Fougere said. "They did tell us they had hope that one day they would be able to recall these members."

She said CanJet did not tell them when any recall would take place. The cuts

take effect on April 9.

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### Past cuts

CanJet let go 137 Halifax workers in 2006. Some were recalled, but another round of layoffs in 2010 left only the 18 workers who lost their jobs this week.

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The financial freedom means they're travelling much more than before. "And, we especially love our weekends away," says Sally.

The couple just booked another special getaway that will include an event in the Visa Infinite Dining Series. Their *Scotia Momentum*® VISA Infinite\* card provides exclusive access to a range of cultural activities and wine and dine events.

"This time we're going to the Langdon Hall Country House Hotel and Spa in Cambridge, Ont., for a country culinary escape! It's really a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," says Sally. The couple will join other cardholders and award-winning Chef Jonathan Gushue for an extraordinary sit-down meal.

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## Zellers takeover

Target to open  
next fall in  
Mic Mac Mall

Target will open its new store at Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth in the fall of 2013, the U.S. retail chain said Thursday.

The company announced last year it was spending \$1.83 billion to take over the leases of as many as 220 Zellers stores across Canada, among them the stores at Bedford Place Mall and Mic Mac Mall.

In a Thursday release, Target said as many as 200 employees will be hired for the Mic Mac Mall store, which will be renovated at a cost of \$10 million to \$11 million. The release did not mention an opening date for Bedford Place Mall. **METRO**

## Door-to-door dealer

Want Xanax with  
that vacuum?

A 43-year-old Dartmouth man apparently tried his luck at selling drugs door-to-door — and it didn't turn out well, police say.

Halifax Regional Police say they responded to a report of a man who was going door-to-door in the 0 to 100 block of Albion Lake Road on Wednesday night. Police say when they found the man he had several prescription drugs and a brass knuckle-switchblade combo in his possession.

The man was arrested and police say once he was in booking he caused minor property damage.

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# Neptune to mark 50th season with a party, and you're invited

## Treading the boards.

2012-13 lineup includes Legally Blonde: The Musical, Elf: The Musical and Sweeney Todd

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Neptune Theatre will celebrate its golden anniversary with music, laughter and friends, the theatre's artistic director says.

George Pothitos unveiled the much-anticipated 2012-13 lineup to a packed Fountain Hall theatre at the launch of the 50th-anniversary season on Thursday.

"I wanted to have a celebration," Pothitos said in an interview afterwards. "So there's music, there's laughter, there's drama, but there's also friends. And to me, that's a party. So that's what I started out with."

The season opens in September on the main Fountain Hall stage with the musical thriller Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.

## Neptune factor

**"From new works to celebrated classics, we have something for everyone."**

George Pothitos, artistic director,  
Neptune Theatre  
On the 50th-anniversary season



George Pothitos hopes audiences will rekindle their love for the Neptune. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Other highlights include Elf: The Musical, for the holidays, and Legally Blonde: The Musical, to close the season out.

"From new works to celebrated classics, we have something for everyone," he said. "Sweeney Todd is (everything) a musical can be, but each production is very different."

Introduced this year was the Open Spaces program, which was developed to provide a place to perform for Nova Scotia theatre companies with limited funds.

"It's a part of the celebration. It's to include other theatre companies in Nova Scotia," Pothitos said. "It helps theatre branch out."

As for the 50th anniversary of Neptune, Pothitos hopes the community will come out and celebrate.

"People talk about Neptune in such loving terms, so I hope they will rekindle their passion (this season). They can celebrate by simply seeing plays."



Actor Chris Zonneville performs a number from Elf: The Musical at the Thursday launch of Neptune Theatre's 2012-13 season. Elf is the holiday show for Neptune's 50th anniversary season. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

## Neptune Theatre 2012-13

## Fountain Hall

- Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street. Sept. 11 to Oct. 7
- BINGO! Oct. 16 to Nov. 4
- Elf: The Musical. Nov. 20 to Jan. 6

- The Importance of Being Earnest. Jan. 22 to Feb. 17
- The Glace Bay Miners' Museum. Feb. 26 to March 17
- Legally Blonde: The Musical. April 2 to May 26

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## Man assaulted. Four charged in Tantallon home invasion

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Police say four people were arrested on Wednesday evening, minutes after a man was badly beaten during an armed home invasion in Tantallon.

Halifax RCMP Const. Tammy Lobb said officers made a "spectacular" takedown just after 6:30 p.m., stopping a vehicle full of suspects as it fled the scene. Lobb said police found a firearm in the car, as well as cash.

"Four suspects broke into the home and restrained the residents. An adult man was assaulted with a pipe and suspects used a firearm to threaten them and demand a quantity of cash," she said.

It is understood the victim's wife and teenage son were also present.

A source with knowledge of the assault told Metro a blue car pulled up in front of the house and three people wearing hoods and masks raced inside brandishing guns.

The source said the man in the house was tied up and

### The charged

- Kevin Paris, 23, Dartmouth
- Christopher Tippet, 21, Halifax
- Stephanie Nicholson, 19, Halifax
- The fourth is a youth who can't be named

severely beaten. The three assailants ran out of the house and fled in the waiting car, but were stopped by police.

The home invasion happened on Hemlock Drive, in a subdivision with only one main way in and out.

The four people stopped were in Halifax provincial court on Thursday to face about 70 charges, including break-and-enter, robbery with a firearm, assault causing bodily harm, unlawful confinement and a range of firearms offences.

Police don't believe the attack was random. The man was taken to hospital and released Thursday.



## Marching for mental-health support

Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union members rally across the street from Province House on Thursday. The union is calling for the provincial government to reverse the mental-health services cuts at the IWK Health Centre.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

### Farm under quarantine

## More cases of salmon virus found

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says it could take months before a Nova Scotia fish farm at the centre of a salmon virus outbreak is removed from quarantine. The federal agency says on its website that it has confirmed additional cases of infectious salmon anemia at a commercial aquaculture operation in the province. New Brunswick-based Cooke Aquaculture has said the virus was discovered at its operation in Shelburne Harbour.

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### Creditor protection

## Paper mill gets another extension

A Cape Breton paper mill that has been shut down for six months has received another extension of its creditor protection as it tries to finalize a sale. A Nova Scotia Supreme Court judge granted NewPage Port Hawkesbury a 60-day extension on its creditor protection Thursday.

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# City hopes new bike routes will attract commuters

**New routes.** HRM wants to double bike commuting in course of next 20 years

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About 100 people packed the Bloomfield Centre on Thursday night for an HRM presentation on the possible locations for a north-south bike corridor on peninsular Halifax.

David MacIsaac, the HRM staffer making the presentation, said the municipality wants to pull in as many thoughts on the routes as possible.

"What are their priorities for where cycling routes should be on the peninsula?" he said. "We want to hear what type of routes they think would attract more people to ride their bikes."

The corridors being looked at are Nova Scotia and Gottingen streets; Agricola Street to Bell Road; Windsor Street to Vernon Street; and Connaught

## Next meeting

Next bike meeting: Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum. Go to [halifax.ca/cycling](http://halifax.ca/cycling) for more information.

Avenue.

About eight per cent of commuter trips on the peninsula are on a bike. HRM wants to double that figure within 20 years.

The new route could be laid as soon as next year, although it could take longer if the selected route is more complicated. The route would be painted on the road and signed.

Depending on where it goes, it would involve losing parking spaces used by residents and businesses, having cyclists riding with varying levels of traffic and having differing levels of connectivity to other bike routes.

Scott Grundy is a north-end resident and frequent cyclist. He backs the Agricola route, but says any bike lanes would be an improvement.

"It's not the safest," he said.



The city wants to add a new north-south bike corridor. / METRO/FILE

## Survey. Local consumers feeling better about economic future



**BY THE NUMBERS**  
Rick Emberley  
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Number surveyed

**428**

A total of 428 HRM residents were surveyed, with the poll carrying a margin of error of plus-or-minus 4.8 per cent.

A recent tide of good economic news about the federal shipbuilding contract and Shell's return to the offshore is buoying the spirits of people in HRM.

There has been a 16 per cent increase in the number of respondents rating the provincial economy as good to excellent compared to the previous year. And this is translating into consumer confidence when it comes to how people are planning their household budgets.

Sixty-seven per cent say they are comfortable making a major purchase in today's economy. This is up seven per cent over the same period last year. Generally hesitation to spend has gone down almost 10 per cent over the same period.

Statistics from other sources suggest the short-term benefactors from this mood change have been in the real estate and auto-sales area. People continue to be some-

what concerned about their job security, however. Almost one-third of our respondents indicate that they are worried about their jobs.

It will be interesting to see whether these numbers increase in the coming months as governments at all levels appear to be making job cut-backs.

But optimism is generally growing. Only 14 per cent of our survey group expected the economy to deteriorate over the next 12 months. Another 61 per cent felt they will be able to save in the coming year and almost 72 per cent intend to reduce their debt.

Rick Emberley is senior counsel with the polling firm MQO Research. He has conducted public-opinion research in the region for more than 25 years.

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# Federal budget puts economic growth in hands of private sector

**Budget.** Government appears intent on making it easier for businesses to get the green light on major resource projects

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is giving Canada's corporate titans the means to drive the economy — while signalling government is moving to the back seat.

Thursday's massive budget — at nearly 500 pages it is one-third bigger than last year's — is chock-a-block full of direct spending and incentives to help firms expand, invest and export, as well as measures designed to shed some of the shackles on their growth.

"They are trying to create a favourable environment in which businesses can grow. The government is telling business, 'We carried the ball during the recession, now it's your turn,'" said TD Bank chief economist Craig Alexander.

That budget suggests government is getting out of the business of stimulating the economy. In fact, Ottawa is creating a slight fiscal drag with average spending growth of 2.1 per cent over the next five years that is a shade under inflation.

The message of the budget is that future growth will have to come from exporting to other countries and business investments in plants,



Minister of Finance Jim Flaherty delivers the federal budget in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Thursday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

machinery and equipment.

"Speedier regulatory approvals, limits on employment insurance rates, improvements on the foreign worker program, venture capital, what they are doing to support small business innovation, that's all important stuff," Jayson Myers of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters said.

Myers withdraws praise in changes to the Scientific Research and Experimental Development program to reduce the tax credit rate

and withdraw capital from eligible expenditures. He said that will hit Canada's research and development heavyweights, who might export R&D elsewhere.

But there's some modest new money, he said. Half-a-billion dollars of venture financing for start-ups and \$1.1 billion over five years for direct research and development to help both big and small businesses become more competitive.

Flaherty has long complained that Canada does not

get a big enough bang for the buck on its R&D spending. His budget makes it clear he believes this re-focusing on commercialization might change the current record.

"In spite of our efforts so far, Canada is not keeping up with other advanced economies on this crucial front," Flaherty told the Commons.

"The result (of the new approach) will be to position Canada to succeed in the knowledge economy of the 21st century."

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## A penny saved is now nothing but

The humble one-cent piece is set to disappear from Canadian pockets, a victim of inflation.

Thursday's federal budget said the Royal Canadian Mint will strike the last of the little coins this fall. The budget says the cost of minting a penny has risen to 1.6 cents or \$11 million a year. Its purchasing power has fallen to a 20th of its original value.

"Some Canadians consider the penny more of a nuisance than a useful coin," the budget documents said.

Pennies will still be legal tender, but as they slowly vanish from circulation, prices will have to be rounded up or down. If the customer has the pennies, they can use them. Payments with debit or credit cards, or cheques, can also be to the penny. But if the customer is paying cash and doesn't have

the pennies, the total will go up or down to the nearest nickel. For example, \$1.02 will become \$1 and \$1.03 will be \$1.05.

The budget said experience in other countries that have dropped low-denomination coins suggests there will be no impact on inflation.

The penny has been under fire for years. New Democrat MP Pat Martin has introduced private member's bills over the years to kill it and expressed surprise at the budget measure.

"Nobody's more surprised than me that I got something into a Conservative budget," he said, adding the penny should have disappeared years ago.

"There's 30 billion pennies in circulation and every year they were minting a billion more," he said. "It was just a no-brainer, slam dunk, that it's a place where we could save some money."

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Ottawa

## Win A Baby winners conceive

Natasha and Ryan Derouchie of Ottawa never thought a radio contest would have helped them make their dream of having a child come true, but it did, and they couldn't be happier.

The Hot 89.9 radio station announced on the air Thursday morning that the finalist couple in the controversial Win A Baby contest is expecting a child.

The Derouchie's and four other couples won up to three fertility treatments valued at \$35,000 in October.

JOE LOFARO/FOR METRO

Tuition hike

## Students stage mock hanging of premier

One day after student demonstrators marched on Jean Charest's family property, they staged a mock hanging and burned down an effigy of the Quebec premier dur-

ing street protests Thursday. That fiery stunt was among the multiple signs in downtown Montreal of the bitter feud over tuition hikes that has gripped the province.

Student protesters also blocked access to Montreal's main courthouse, clogged several city boulevards, and vandalized police cars Thursday.

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London

## Duo bring flair bartending to city

London, Ont., bartender Dustin Kiefer decided to take up flair bartending four years ago. After mastering basic juggling techniques and managing to work in some visually pleasing

drink-pouring maneuvers here and there, the 24-year-old thought he'd enter competitions.

He was ranked 22nd in the world by the Flair Bartenders' Association last year. Only three Canadians appear higher on the list than Kiefer, who is far from being considered a veteran.

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# Jury finds Stobbe not guilty in wife's hatchet killing

**Winnipeg.** Former political advisor says he will focus on raising sons after being exonerated in wife's murder

Minutes after being found not guilty in the brutal killing of his wife, former political adviser Mark Stobbe told reporters he would like to know who the killer was, but it's not his task to find out.

"I've heard the judge say on many occasions that that isn't my job. It's not something I can speculate on," Stobbe, 53, said outside court. "Of course, I want to know."

Stobbe added he now wants to focus on raising his two teenagers.

"I'm very proud of my sons. I know their mother would be too."



Mark Stobbe talks to media outside the Law Courts in Winnipeg on Thursday after a jury found him not guilty in the second-degree murder of his wife.

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After two days of deliberations, a 12-member jury found Stobbe not guilty of second-degree murder Thursday in the death of his wife, Beverly Rowbotham. Her bludgeoned body was found in her car 15 kilometres away from the couple's home in St. Andrew's, Man., in the early hours of Oct. 25, 2000.

When the verdict was read in a Winnipeg courtroom,

Stobbe let out what sounded like a sigh, leaned forward and put his head down on one arm that was resting on the edge of the prisoner's box.

When he looked up again, his face was flush with emotion.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Chris Martin told Stobbe he could now focus on raising his children as a tribute to his late wife. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Polar bear surprise visit

Louis Reardon, 55, got the shock of his life early Thursday when he leapt out of bed to his son's cries of "Polar bear!" as a large male bear broke into their home in northern Newfoundland.

"He had the door busted open to the dining room with his two front paws and his head in through the door," Reardon said from tiny Goose Cove, just south of St. Anthony, N.L.

"I mean, it frightened the wits right clean out of me, to be that close to a polar bear."

Reardon's son Damien, 29, had heard a ruckus and flicked on the light to discover the animal. Polar bears are notoriously aggressive when cornered, and Damien slammed on a table trying to frighten the intruder as his father raced for a shotgun.

"A polar bear doesn't usually back down," Reardon said. "If he came in the house, God knows what he would have done before he went out."

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## On the loose. No injuries after rebellious elephant flees bath in Irish circus



Zoo keepers try to guide an elephant away from a coffee shop and stop it from rampaging through the streets of Dublin Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An elephant called Baby did not want a bath.

Instead, the 40-year-old elephant bolted from a circus in southern Ireland on Tuesday, causing some alarm to customers in a coffee shop where keepers caught up with the runaway.

No one was injured, but a video shot from a nearby office showed that the keepers

had trouble keeping up with Baby as he headed away from the coffee shop in Blackpool.

Egle Vilmaite, manager of the Costa Coffee shop, told Ireland's RTE News: "He was running around on his own and then you could see the guys from the circus running around, and the elephant wasn't happy."

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# Replica of world's largest snake on display

**Monster snake.** Prehistoric Titanoboa was the length of a bus and weighed about 2,500 pounds

A prehistoric monster snake the length of a school bus that likely fed on supersize turtles and crocodiles has made its way to the Smithsonian Institution for an exhibit opening Friday.

The National Museum of Natural History is featuring a life-size replica of Titanoboa along with a cast of its large vertebra through January 2013. When it was alive, the snake averaged 48 feet long.

Fossils from the world's largest snake were first discovered in 2004 in a coal mine in Colombia that once was a rainforest. Eventually bones

### Titanoboa

Titanoboa was related to modern boa constrictors and anacondas.

- Scientists say it was the world's largest predator and large enough to eat a cow or a human easily. It likely fed on large turtles or crocodiles while spending most of its time in water.

from at least 60 of the monster snakes were uncovered.

At first scientists labelled the fossils as being vertebrae from a crocodile, but a graduate student noticed there was a difference.

A student interning with the Smithsonian eventually discovered the snake's skull. The specimen broke the previous record for

snake length by 11 feet.

Scientists figure the snake weighed about 2,500 pounds. It was found near fossilized plants, giant turtles the size of a kitchen table and other creatures dating to more than 60 million years ago in the Paleocene era after the dinosaurs.

Until the discovery in the coal mine, there were few opportunities to find signs of the prehistoric life of tropical rainforests because thick vegetation blocked any archaeological expedition, said Jonathan Bloch, a paleontologist at the Florida Museum of Natural History at the University of Florida in Gainesville where scientists continue to study the full set of fossils.

On Sunday, the Smithsonian Channel will debut a new documentary about the discovery, Titanoboa: Monster Snake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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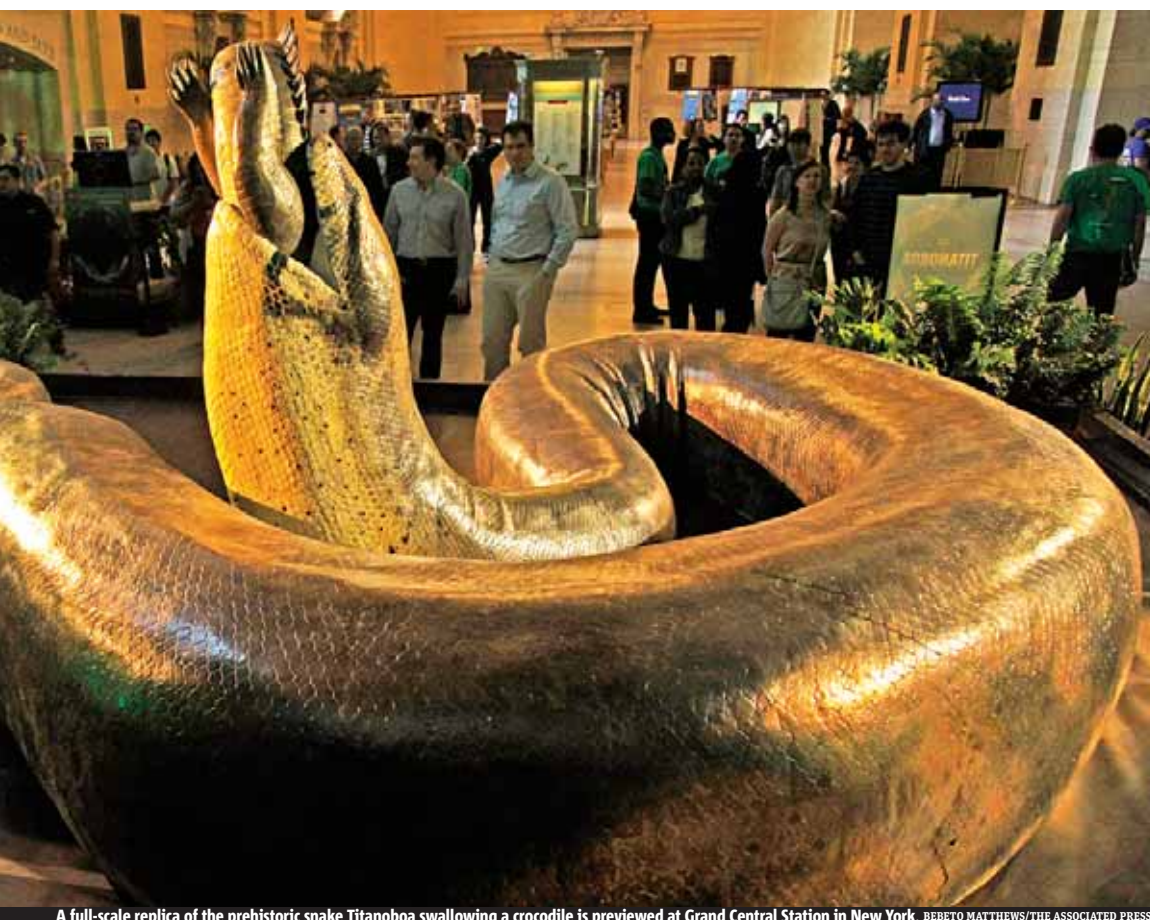
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Labour action

## Italy faces 'Viagra strike' over reforms

Hospital pharmacists are threatening to cut Italians off from their Viagra unless the government amends its plans to reform professions that have high-entry barriers.

Union official Loredana Vasselli said pharmacists decided to focus the protest on Viagra because it is a sought-after drug whose absence "does not put patients' health at risk."

Pharmacists will stage a series of labour actions during April, culminating with the so-called "Viagra strike" if their complaints are not redressed.

One group protested Thursday outside Parliament under the banner "No Viagra, No Party."

Hospital pharmacists, part of Italy's public health-care system, say Premier Mario Monti's economic liberalization plan is unfair because it gives private pharmacists preference for new licenses. The reform calls for opening 5,000 new pharmacies.

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Never too late

## Once-illiterate lobsterman, 93, publishes book

The Portuguese-born James Arruda Henry had plenty to be proud of as a U.S. lobster-boat captain who managed to build his own house and raise a family. But he kept a secret into his '90s, one that forced him to bluff his way through life.

Henry was illiterate. He couldn't even read restaurant menus; he'd wait for someone else to place an order and get the same food. Most of his family had no idea.

Now he's 98, and his self-published collection of autobiographical essays is being read in elementary schools. In A Fisherman's Language details his barefoot beginnings in Portugal, life in a tenement in Rhode Island, boxing as a young man and his adventures at sea.

"I didn't think it was going to go too far," Henry said. "I couldn't read or nothing. I tell you, it makes me a very, very happy man to have people call me and write me letters and stuff like that."

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## Political unrest. African presidents forced to divert plane by rebels

Five African presidents seeking to restore Mali's elected government were forced to make a mid-air U-turn and head to Ivory Coast to hold their meeting, after demonstrators supporting the military junta took over the tarmac to stop the jets from landing, officials said.

The presidents of Ivory Coast, Benin, Liberia, Niger and Burkina Faso were due to arrive in Mali on Thursday to press for the departure of the junior officers that grabbed power in a coup last week, reversing over two decades of democratic rule in this landlocked nation south of the Sahara.

The planes carrying the presidents landed in the capital of Ivory Coast, where they went ahead with their meeting, officials said.

A senior adviser to the Ivorian president said that the five leaders were considering imposing economic and political sanctions on

### What happened?

Last week's coup happened in one of the few established democracies in the troubled western half of the African continent.

- **New leader.** Sanogo, who is in his 30s, seized power from President Amadou Toumani Toure, who is considered one of Africa's senior statesmen, and was just months from stepping down

the regime of Capt. Amadou Haya Sanogo, and that the coup leader's unwillingness to even secure the airport for their arrival shows that he is not a partner worth taking seriously.

They are also considering a travel ban on members of the junta and their family, as well as cutting off the supply of cash. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

### Poland

## Official dismisses assassination claims

Poland's top prosecutor says there is no evidence to support theories that a 2010 plane crash that killed President Lech Kaczynski was an assassination.

Prosecutor General Andrzej Seremet was reacting Thursday to comments made a day earlier by Jaroslaw Kaczynski, a conservative party leader and the late president's twin

brother, who suggested the plane crash in Russia was intentional.

Seremet, who oversees a Polish investigation, said in an interview on TVN24 that "we did not find any evidence that the cause of the crash was an assassination."

Polish and Russian reports have pointed to fog and pilot error as the main causes of the crash, which occurred at an airport near Smolensk, western Russia, killing Kaczynski and 95 others on board.

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# Security video adds to debate over teen's death

**Florida.** Footage of George Zimmerman in handcuffs has Trayvon Martin supporters questioning official story again

A security video that shows neighbourhood watch captain George Zimmerman being led in handcuffs from a police car after he fatally shot Trayvon Martin is adding to the debate over whether the shooting was a case of self-defence.

An attorney for the teen's family said it looks to him that Zimmerman doesn't have injuries to his face and head in the video as Zimmerman's supporters have said.

Zimmerman told police he fired in self-defence and he was not arrested, touching

### Supporters

Martin's supporters, including a host of outspoken celebrities and civil rights leaders who have appeared on television for the past two weeks, don't believe Zimmerman's story. They want him arrested and prosecuted.

- **Forced into hiding.** Since the shooting, Zimmerman's supporters say he's gone into hiding and that he and his family have gotten death threats.



In this image taken from video at the Sanford, Fla., police department, George Zimmerman, in red jacket, is escorted into the Sanford police station in handcuffs on Feb. 26, 2012, the night he fatally shot Trayvon Martin.

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off widespread public outrage and protests across the country. Zimmerman's attorney, Craig Sonner, has said in more than one interview that his client's nose was broken during the fight with Martin.

Sanford police Sgt. David Morgenstern on Wednesday confirmed that the video being shown by ABC News is

of Zimmerman. The 28-year-old's head and face are visible throughout and he is dressed in a red and black fleece jacket. Police are shown frisking Zimmerman, whose hands were handcuffed behind his back. They then lead him into a police station.

"This certainly doesn't look like a man who police

said had his nose broken and his head repeatedly smashed into the sidewalk," Ben Crump, an attorney for Martin's family, said in a statement. "George Zimmerman has no apparent injuries in this video, which dramatically contradicts his version of the events of February 26."

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More than 130 countries and more than 5,200 cities

participated in Earth Hour in 2011.

Last year, 43 per cent of Canadians turned off their lights in support of Earth Hour — almost 15 million people — across 427 cities

To find out about Earth Hour in Canada, visit [wwf.ca/earthhour](http://wwf.ca/earthhour)

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Canadians will find lots of ways to rediscover the dark. Many restaurants will be offering candlelit dinners.

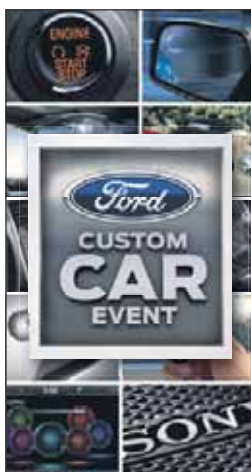
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Many famous buildings, like the Peace Tower in Ottawa, the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Great Wall of China, will go dark on Saturday for Earth Hour. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Everywhere

- **World's largest.** Within four years, Earth Hour has reached more than 1.8 billion people in 135 countries across every continent, making it 'the world's largest campaign for the planet.'
- **Lights out in space.** In 2012, for the first time, Earth Hour will reach the International Space Station.
- **Watch Earth go dark.** Astronaut and WWF Earth Hour ambassador Andre Kuipers will keep watch as countries across the globe turn out their lights for Earth Hour.
- **Live online.** Kuipers will share photos and live commentary through the European Space Agency (ESA) [flickr.com/people/astro\\_andre](http://flickr.com/people/astro_andre)
- **Swaziland.** Nathi Mzilenzi, a boy from Swaziland who organized Earth Hour in his town Shimunye (population 5,633) in 2010 when he was 15 years old, continues to inspire his community to participate in Earth Hour.
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# Waiting on the Burmese Spring

**Winds of change.** On April 1, Burma holds elections that Nobel Prize-winning dissident Aung San Suu Kyi's party is expected to win

**ELISABETH BRAW**  
Metro World News

Win Tin thought he'd never see this day. For 19 years he was imprisoned and tortured for his pro-democracy activism. But now Tin, a leader of Aung San Suu Kyi's NLD party, lives in freedom. And NLD is expected to win parliamentary seats in an election on April 1.

"This election is very important to us," Tin tells Metro. "If you look at the figures, a byelection that only includes seven per cent of the parliamentary seats isn't very important. But we'll finally be in parliament, and we can do a lot by co-operating with other parliamentarians, if they're not too afraid."

NLD won Myanmar's 1990 election, but the country's repressive military rulers cancelled it and jailed Suu Kyi. International observers called the 2010 election a sham, and

## Co-operation urged



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can do a lot by co-operating with other parliamentarians, if they're not too afraid."

Win Tin, a leader of NLD party

opposition leader Suu Kyi boycotted it.

In the past year, the generals have introduced extraordinary reforms. They've freed 200 political prisoners, introduced labour laws that allow for unions and strikes, and relaxed censorship. This winter Myanmar's minister of industry, Soe Thane, even attended the World Economic Forum in Davos.

"Those who have held the power over the past decade still hold it," explains Jan Zalewski, a Myanmar analyst at IHS Global Insight. "But the reforms do one important thing for the government: They provide it with legitimacy."

Suu Kyi will almost certainly be elected to one of the 48 seats to be filled in the byelection.



Hear democracy roar: Opposition activists in Rangoon. GETTY

"The significant thing is she's running," says Aye Chan Naing, executive director of Democratic Voice of Burma, an exile organization. "She's still an icon. Wherever she goes, she attracts hundreds of thousands of people."

And this time the junta isn't preventing Suu Kyi from cam-

paing. It has even broadcast one of her speeches on TV. That's because the regime wants her to win. "And even if Suu Kyi's NLD party wins all 48 seats, this would not change the balance of power in parliament," notes Zalewski. "The legitimacy the regime has gained from its reforms would

be increased indefinitely if Suu Kyi and other NLD members were elected to parliament." The big question now is whether Suu Kyi will recover after taking ill, apparently from exhaustion, several days ago.

Paradoxically, a free and fair election could put Suu Kyi in a bind: Her participation is seen

as approval for the regime. "But we have clear goals of what we want to accomplish in parliament," says Win Tin. "Establish the rule of law, end armed conflicts and change the constitution. We know it's not easy, and it will take time. But our main worry is that the military will undo the reforms."

## Q&A: Junta seeking allies, end to sanctions



Prof. Sean Turnell

**Prof. Sean Turnell, Macquarie University, Australia, author of Fiery Dragons: Banks, Moneylenders and Microfinance in Burma**

**What's behind the generals' reforms?**

Some of them realize that their country has fallen behind. Right after World War II, Thailand was poorer than Burma. Now it's five times richer. And the junta worries about being dominated by China, so it's seeking new

allies.

In addition, the junta hopes the reforms will convince the international community (to) end the sanctions.

**How much are ordinary cit-**


**izens seeing of the reforms?**

What they're noticing is newspapers actually reporting news, not government propaganda. And, of course, what they've noticed is a host of international businessmen suddenly des-


cending on Rangoon.

But the economic reforms are lagging behind the political ones. And the reforms are taking place in cities rather than the countryside, where most Burmese live.

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## Research in Motion. Former CEO Jim Balsillie resigns from board

Research in Motion says former co-CEO Jim Balsillie, the hockey-loving executive who for years helped build the BlackBerry into a global force in the smartphone industry, has resigned from the board.

The announcement, symbolic of the changes afoot at Canada's reigning technology leader, came along with a financial report that fell short of analysts' already low expectations.

The company announced from its headquarters in Waterloo, Ont., that it had a loss in the final quarter of its 2011 financial year, rather than the profit that had been expected, as a result of writing down some of its assets.

Sales of the BlackBerry were also below many analysts' expectations. The company, which usually provides guidance about where it expects revenue and profit will be in the near future, said it was discontinuing that practice.

Research In Motion also said it is undertaking a strategic review of its alternatives — a term that can sometimes mean major changes for a company, such as a sale or merger — a process that has essentially

### Quarterly results

- RIM reported Thursday a loss for its latest quarter of \$125 million US, or 24 cents per share, as it took a \$355-million charge to goodwill.
- The loss compared with a profit of \$934 million, or \$1.78 per diluted share, a year ago. Revenue fell to \$4.2 billion, down from \$5.6 billion.

been under way for months.

Balsillie — who had been co-chief executive of RIM along with company founder Mike Lazaridis until they stepped aside in January — had become one of Canada's best-known businessmen.

"As I complete my retirement from RIM, I'm grateful for this remarkable experience and for the opportunity to have worked with outstanding professionals who helped turn a Canadian idea into a global success," Balsillie said in a statement.

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## Panic at the pumps

Drivers line up for fuel on Thursday in St Austell, England. A suggestion by government ministers that drivers should store gas in cans at home appeared to ignite an impulse buying of fuel. MATT CARDY/GETTY IMAGES

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**Natural gas:** \$2.15 US (-13¢)  
**Dow Jones:** 13,145.82 (+19.61)

### Communications

## Rogers laying off 300 employees

Rogers Communications says it is laying off about 300 employees across its operations.

Company spokeswoman Patricia Trott says the cuts are focused on management and head office positions. Employees were notified on Wednesday.

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### Foreign labour

## Chinese workers on illegal overtime: Auditor

The Chinese workers who often spend more than 60 hours per week assembling iPhones and iPads will have their overtime curbed and their hourly wages raised after a labour auditor hired by Apple inspected their factories.

The Washington-based Fair Labor Association says Hon Hai Precision Industry Co., the Taiwanese company that runs the factories, is committing to reducing weekly work time to the legal Chinese maximum of 49 hours.

That limit is routinely ignored in factories throughout China. Auret van Heerden, the CEO of the FLA, said Hon Hai is the first company to commit to following the legal standard.

Apple's and FLA's own guidelines call for work weeks of 60 hours or less.

The FLA found that many workers at the Hon Hai factories want to work even more overtime so they can make more money. Hon Hai, also known as Foxconn, told the FLA that it will raise hourly salaries to compensate workers for the reduced hours.

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# Supreme Court denies final appeal in Livent case



Garth Drabinsky  
CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

It wasn't the finale Garth Drabinsky would have scripted. The Supreme Court lowered the curtain on his long-running legal drama Thursday, leaving the former head of Livent Inc. to serve out his fraud sentence behind bars.

The man who brought lavish spectacles such as The Phantom of the Opera to the public assumed a starring role in a courtroom drama about falsified financial statements that dragged on for 14 years.

He saw his last chance to overturn his conviction dashed when the high court declined to hear his appeal.

An Ontario lower court found Drabinsky and business partner Myron Gottlieb guilty of two counts of fraud in 2009 and sentenced the former impresarios to seven and six years behind bars respectively.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the convictions last September, but shaved two years off each man's sentence.

Drabinsky's lawyer, Edward Greenspan, could not immediately be reached for comment.

Thursday's decision marks the final act of a saga that's dragged on for the 14 years since Livent's collapse.

The company, which was

once the toast of Canada's theatrical scene and helped bring blockbuster productions such as Showboat to Toronto, filed for bankruptcy in 1998. Livent's demise cost its investors approximately \$500 million.

Court found the company had been falsifying financial statements since 1989 in a bid to lower expenses and keep pace with lofty earnings projections.

In 2009, trial judge Mary Lou Benotto imposed a sentence that took into account the magnitude of the company's downfall.

However, since it was never clear to what extent the fraud was to blame for the company's collapse, the Appeal Court said the losses don't provide an accurate means of assessing the fraud's impact or the severity of the punishment for the people behind it.

Drabinsky and Gottlieb began serving their prison sentences last September. Both men remain in jail, though Gottlieb is expected to be eligible for day parole this summer while Drabinsky can apply before the end of the year.

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**1** **Junos Honour Simple Plan:** After fan mail from troubled youth who found optimism in their music, Montreal's Simple Plan created the Simple Plan Foundation six

years ago to help young people with social and mental-health problems. At the Junos this weekend in Ottawa, they'll be recognized with the Allan Waters Humanitarian Award. Kudos.

**2** **Spread the Net:** Historic downtown Peterborough, Ont., arts high school PCVS will be featured on CBC's Rick Mercer Report Tuesday for winning the "Spread the Net" fundraising student challenge, used to purchase mosquito nets to help prevent the spread of malaria in African countries. The win is bittersweet, as the local school board has decided to close the school. Learn more at peterboroughneedspcvs.com.

**3** **Queen Wedding Crasher:** The Queen and Prince Philip stunned newlyweds John and Frances Canning, showing up unannounced just after their wedding in Manchester to congratulate them. This was fantastic PR for Buckingham Palace and the Queen. Also, Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn, you have been replaced if there is ever a Wedding Crashers sequel.

**4** **Band Wagon:** A new Canadian YouTube series, Band Wagon, features up-and-coming musicians and bands like the Reason, the Balconies, Union City and Monster Truck driving around in a car singing songs. Great concept, perfect bandwagon to jump on.

**5** **James Cameron:** The acclaimed director tweeted @Jim-Cameron on Sunday that he "Just arrived at the ocean's deepest pt. Hitting bottom never felt so good. Can't wait to share what I'm seeing w/you @DeepChallenge" — a new deep-sea documentary based on his adventures in his one-man sub. Cameron reaches the world's deepest point? I'm still trying to reach the deep end of my pool.

**6** **Quebec Nordiques:** Quebec City is starting construction on an NHL-style arena this fall, paving the way for them to get an NHL team. The arena should be done by 2015. There's no guarantee they'll get a team again but, fingers crossed, we'll see a Nordiques team skating there soon. The Winnipeg Jets are back, why not the Nordiques? And then the Cleveland Barons.

**7** **Jian Ghomeshi:** The host of CBC's radio show Q said in a personal finance Q & A that the best money-saving advice came from his parents: "Be patient. Try to avoid spending money in spontaneous ways." If only that simple advice was given to kids by every parent, we wouldn't have quite as many Canadians in debt.

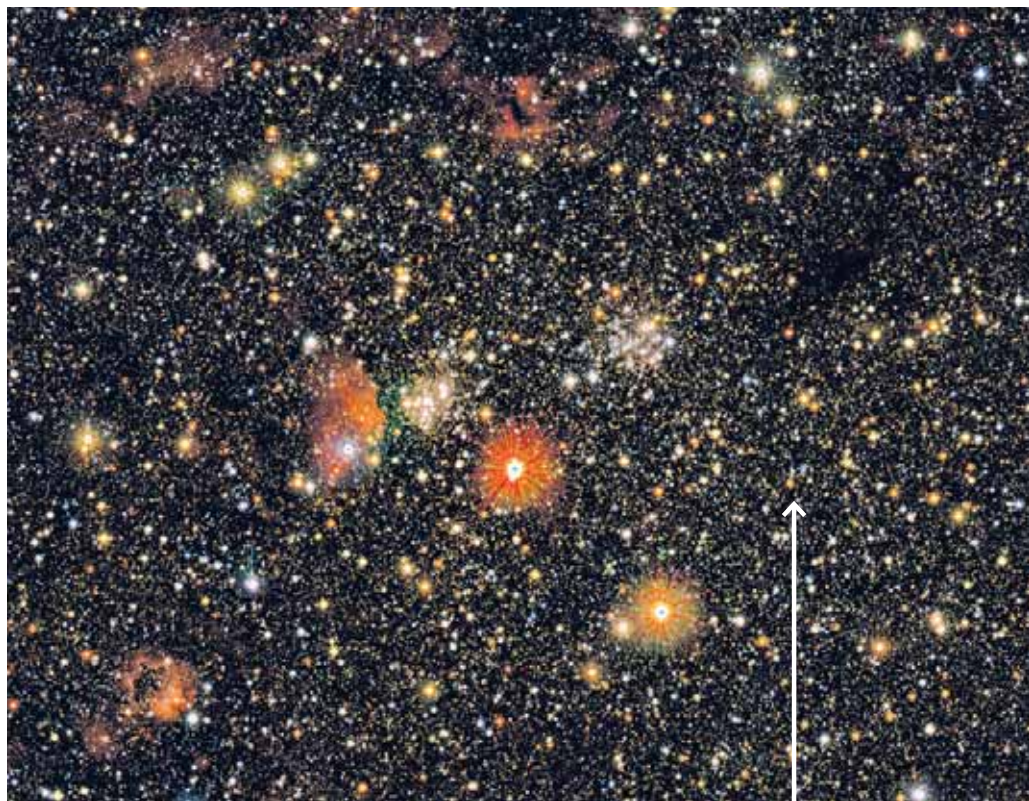
**8** **Pizza Fan Applause:** Things are so bad on the Toronto sports scene that the loudest applause is when the Raptors score 100 points at home games, as everyone gets a free slice of pizza. "It's tough when your fans get more excited about a slice of pizza than us winning," said Raptors coach Dwane Casey. Reality bites.

**9** **April Fool's Day:** Sunday is April 1. Don't do anything I wouldn't do. In other words, give 'r, pranksters.



A scene from *Wedding Crashers*, where Owen Wilson, left, and Vince Vaughn play divorce mediators who spend their weekends crashing weddings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Twinkle, twinkle, that's a lot of stars



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### Space

#### Starriest photo sets a record

More than one-billion stars in the Milky Way can be seen together in detail for the first time in a photograph captured by astronomers. Scientists from the U.K., Europe and Chile made the picture by combining thousands of infra-red-light images from two telescopes in both of our planet's hemispheres.

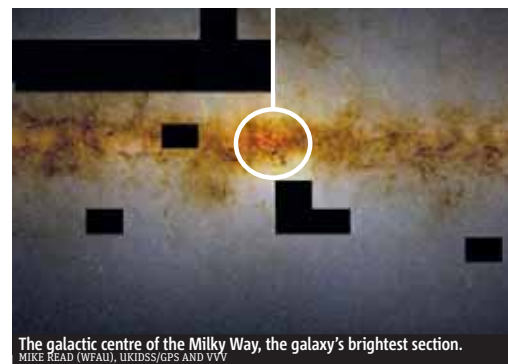
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#### Zoom deeper to find more stars

The above image is a mere fraction of the entire picture, which alone contains more than 10,000 stars. "Compared to the composite image we took 10 years ago, this one is 100 times deeper," Nick Cross, an astronomer at the University of Edinburgh in charge of archiving the image, told Metro.

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The galactic centre of the Milky Way, the galaxy's brightest section.

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### Twitter

#### @nickersonkayla:

Just had a piece of pizza from the cafeteria at work. Should have just eaten my show. Same texture, more flavor. #halifax

#### @der\_junker:

You know you're having a busy day when you don't have enough time to tweet about it. #Halifax

#### @MetroCrow:

Green bins are my Kryptonite. #Halifax

#### @derrekbg:

It's about freedom, art, expression, being yourself, and helping each other in #halifax.

#### @lauriecburns:

Our rooftop patio is just making me sad this week. Last week it was a joy. #halifax #stupidwind

#### @TomAskForMore:

If we are going to consider a north/south route for bikes, why not include an east/west route as well? #halifax #voteHRM #ilikebike



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Julia Roberts butchers an English accent and Lily Collins bears an uncanny resemblance to the cartoon Snow White in *Mirror Mirror*. HANDOUT

# A reflection of mediocrity

## Reel Guys

**RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN**



## Mirror Mirror.

Tarsem Singh's take on Snow White fails with the Reel Guys. Ned Ehrbar sits in for Mark Breslin this week

**Richard:** Ned, as with all of Tarsem Singh Dhandwar's films, *Mirror Mirror* is beautiful to look at. He certainly has an eye for set decoration. But in this case I wish they had spent the money on gag writers rather than lavish sets. I know it is supposed to be a family movie, but even five year olds deserve better than the old hat slapstick and word play on display here. Even the seven dwarfs on their spring-loaded stilts can't put any bounce into this fractured fairy tale.

**Ned:** There are some really painful moments, agreed.

## Synopsis

Julia Roberts plays the evil step-queen to the beautiful Snow White (Lily Collins). After Snow's father, the King (Sean Bean), mysteriously disappears, the Queen brings the country to the brink of bankruptcy and locks Snow away. But when the young princess attracts the attention of a young prince (Armie Hammer) the jealous Queen orders Snow murdered. Instead, she is set free in the forest where she is found by seven dwarfs.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Ned: ●●●●●

The odd mix of modern mannerisms and speech with the period/fairy tale setting was supposed to seem hip and playful, I think, but it just fell flat. And speaking of flat —

and those Tarsem visuals — while the interiors of the palace and the costumes looked amazing, the mysterious forest where much of the action takes place felt so thin and set-like. I expect more from Tarsem in that department.

**RC:** I expected more from him period. The cast, however, I did think was trying. Collins is picture perfect as Snow White — she bears an uncanny resemblance to the cartoon version — and Armie Hammer, should his career survive the dreadful dog impression he has to do here, has a future playing handsome princes. Julia Roberts is the star attraction and while her comedic timing is in place, the lines she has to say don't connect. What did you think of the cast?

**NE:** Hammer was definitely perfectly cast as Prince Charming, proving he can do just about anything — even

that cringe-inducing puppy scene — and still remain regal. Collins was perfectly fine, though her role consisted mostly of reacting to other characters and reiterating the movie's main themes. But Roberts lost me when she couldn't keep up what I can only imagine is supposed to be a British accent for more than a couple of sentences. The performance was all over the place, and honestly I just wanted her to be meaner.

**RC:** Was she supposed to be doing an English accent? I ask rhetorically. Not since Kevin Costner's Robin Hood has the Standard British accent taken such a mauling. What she does to the Queen's English is evil enough, she doesn't need to be any crueler to get the point across.

**NE:** Overall, this was an unfortunate mix of risky and safe moves, with not enough of the former.

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### Scene in brief

## Avengers to close Tribeca

The superhero bonanza *The Avengers* will close the 11th annual Tribeca Film Festival. The festival announced Wednesday that the Marvel epic will be the festival's closing night film on April 28. The film, directed by Joss Whedon and starring Robert Downey Jr., is based on the comic book series that unites Iron Man, the Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America and others. The Tribeca Film Festival runs from April 18 to April 29. Opening the festival will be *The Five-Year Engagement*, a comedy starring Jason Segel and produced by Judd Apatow.

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## Stifler's mom. The original cougar loves the thrill of the hunt

**She had her own ideas for the latest film**

I really liked the script, but I did fight with them. I did say that I thought I should sleep with Finch [played by Eddie Kaye Thomas] one last time before I do some other stuff. I did want that to happen, and I was very firm about it ... They said, 'Jennifer, Stifler's Mom needs to evolve and she needs to grow, and she can't just be sleeping with this young boy occasionally.' I don't know how they convinced me, I'm very stubborn.

**The young men in the cast have grown up quite a bit**

I've noticed that they've gotten way more in touch with their sexuality. All the boys must be going to some famous Hollywood trainer.

**She had a few more conquests in mind for Stifler's Mom**

I always pictured myself having sex with, like, Oz



Jennifer Coolidge has fun with her 'Stifler's Mom' character.  
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[played by Chris Klein]. I thought that Stifler's Mom would move on to some other kids. The only one I wouldn't sleep with was Stifler [played by Seann William Scott], because they wouldn't allow that. They wouldn't go that far. But I wouldn't mind that at all.

NED EHRBAR, MWN

## Jim's dad. Eugene Levy dishes about his hookup in American Reunion

**On almost not doing American Pie**

When I first read the script, it scared me. I said, 'No, I can't do this. I can't do this movie.' My manager at the time said I should go in and take a meeting, and I said, 'Why? It's too out there for me. This is a kids' movie. Why would I want to be in a movie I wouldn't go and see?'

**That standard, apparently, doesn't always apply**

I haven't [seen the straight-to-DVD sequels]. I really haven't.

**He's happy about his American Reunion hookup**

It almost seems like a no-

**Quoted**

"When I first read the script (for American Pie) it scared me. I said, 'No, I can't do this. I can't do this movie.'"

Eugene Levy on almost not taking the role of Jim's dad in American Pie

brainer in a way, Stifler's Mom and Jim's Dad, but I've always been married. The fact that Jim's Dad is now a widower, I thought that was really interesting — shocking but interesting.

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# Tara Reid's bumpy ride to the 'reunion'

**Comeback.** Actress best known as American Pie's virginal Vicky talks about her highs and lows, and where Bunny might be now

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The first thing you notice in Tara Reid's hotel suite is a helium-filled mylar balloon emblazoned with her smiling face, bobbing near the ceiling behind the actress herself. It can be a little distracting, even when talking to the woman herself, looking fresh and bright and happy to be working again with her American Pie crew. But getting from American Pie to American Reunion wasn't the smoothest of roads.

**The first thing I remember seeing you in was the Big Lebowski. What was it like at that point in your career, going from that into Urban Legend into American Pie?**

Well, the Coen Brothers are legendary. They're iconic, they're amazing. I loved working with them, and Jeff Bridges was amazing. That whole cast was fantastic. But then American Pie 1 was the Weitz brothers, so it was two again. And then this one, it's two again [with co-directors Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg]. I love working with two directors.

**Do you have a preference, would you say?**

It's like if you have twins saying you like having twins



Tara Reid reprises her role as Vicky in American Reunion, opening next Friday. HANDOUT

**Quoted**

"I've been playing this girl and she's been a part of my life for 13 years. I really like Vicky, I enjoy playing her. And I loved what Jon and Hayden did with her."

Tara Reid on her American Pie character Vicky.

better than having one child. I've enjoyed all of the experiences I've been on, and I've been lucky and fortunate with the directors I've worked with.

**Then you go on to things like Alone in the Dark, the reality series Taradise. What did that section of your career feel like?**

Everything is different chapters in your life, and I've been through many chapters and many experiences, and now I'm off to my next one.

But, you know, to be continued.

**So for that next chapter, that "to be continued," what do you have in mind? I just want to keep going forward and keep making great films and keep growing.**

**Now you come back with American Reunion, getting the band together again. How do you approach that, picking up this character 13 years after the first one? It's like it's like riding a bike.**

Once you get back on, boom, you never forget how to ride it. And I've been playing this girl and she's been a part of my life for 13 years. I really like Vicky, I enjoy playing her. And I loved what Jon and Hayden did with her and where they took her. It really tied up from the first one to this one. It really connected the dots.

**Are there any other past characters that you would like to revisit?**

Bunny. Let's go back to Bunny. Let's see what she's up to now (laughs).

**What do you think Bunny would be up to now?**

Who knows? Who knows? She'd probably be on a Housewives of Beverly Hills, yeah (laughs).

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Action



## Wrath of the Titans

Director: Jonathan Liebesman

Stars: Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Rosamund Pike

The brawny sequel to 2009's Clash of the Titans, Wrath of the Titans is a kind of masterwork of monster mash pop art. This thing is just wall to wall creatures and the eye widening ways in which half god son of Zeus Perseus (Sam Worthington) destroys them is downright glorious. The cynic in you may start to question the plot and the pithy character motivations, but for heavens sake, don't; just allow your inner 12 year old to embrace it.

CHRIS ALEXANDER

# It's time to crack open the Sex Panther



Ron Burgundy will be invading homes once again, in Anchorman 2. HANDOUT

**Anchorman.** Will Ferrell, dressed as Ron Burgundy, announces on Conan that there will be an Anchorman sequel — stay classy

This is kind of a big deal: After years of trying to get it off the ground — including rumours of a musical — newscaster Ron Burgundy (Will Ferrell) will finally be back in Anchorman 2. "I want to announce this to everyone in the Americas, to our friends in Spain, Turkey and the U.K., including England," he said on Wednesday night's Conan show, in full character.

"That as of 0900 Mountain time, Paramount Pictures and myself, Ronald Joseph Aaron Burgundy, have come to terms on a sequel to Anchorman. "It is official, there will be a sequel to Anchorman."

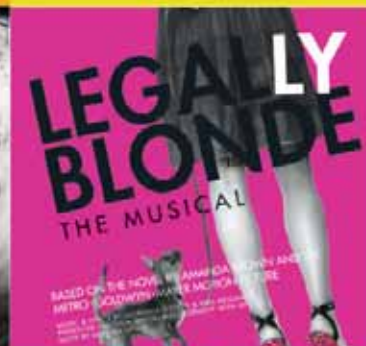
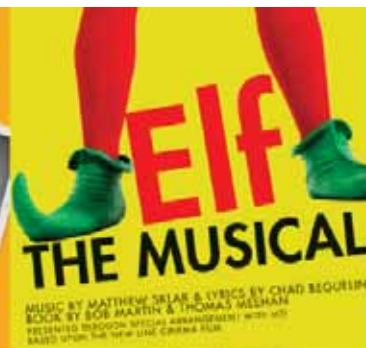
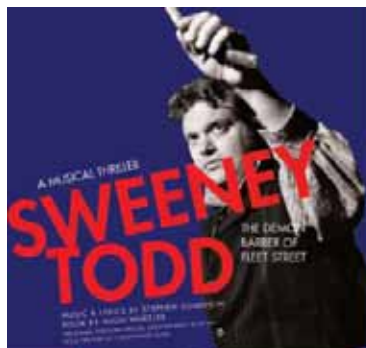
Yes indeed, if you are a Burgundy fan, this is kind of a big deal.

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Quoted

"Wrath of the Titans was a completely different experience for me. The characters that I've played so far, they have inhabited a naturalistic, realistic world. So for me, it was very interesting to explore this sort of fantasy. Fantasy, mythology and special effects — a world of imagination, of what the Greek myths could have been...."

Actor Edgar Ramirez, who plays Ares, the god of war, in Wrath of the Titans, and received critical acclaim for his work in the three-part miniseries Carlos. METRO



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## Checking the name check



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### Green Day, She's a Rebel

The rebellious subject of the song is known, "From Chicago to Toronto."

### Violent Femmes, Vancouver

Not a hit, but a nice nod from this Milwaukee band.

### Bon Iver, Calgary

A track from his 2011 Grammy-winning album, Bon Iver, Bon Iver. The video has been viewed nearly 3 million times on YouTube, too.

### Death Cab for Cutie, I Will Follow You Into the Dark

There's a line in this single from the Plans album that goes "You and me have seen everything to see/From Bangkok to Calgary."

### The Wedding Present, Montreal

Dozens of songs have been written about Montreal but I like this one by David Gedge and his band from Leeds, England.

### Carly Simon, You're So Vain

To astronomers, the



mystery here isn't the person at which the song is directed. Carly references her former love as having taken a Learjet up to Nova Scotia to see a solar eclipse of the sun. But which one? There were two preceding the release of the song on December 2, 1972. Was she singing about March 7, 1970

or July 10, 1972? **Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Helpless**

OK, so Neil is Canadian, but he still had to convince the other three guys to record a song set in a "town in north Ontario." Apparently, the town was inspired by Omenece. Can anyone add to this list?

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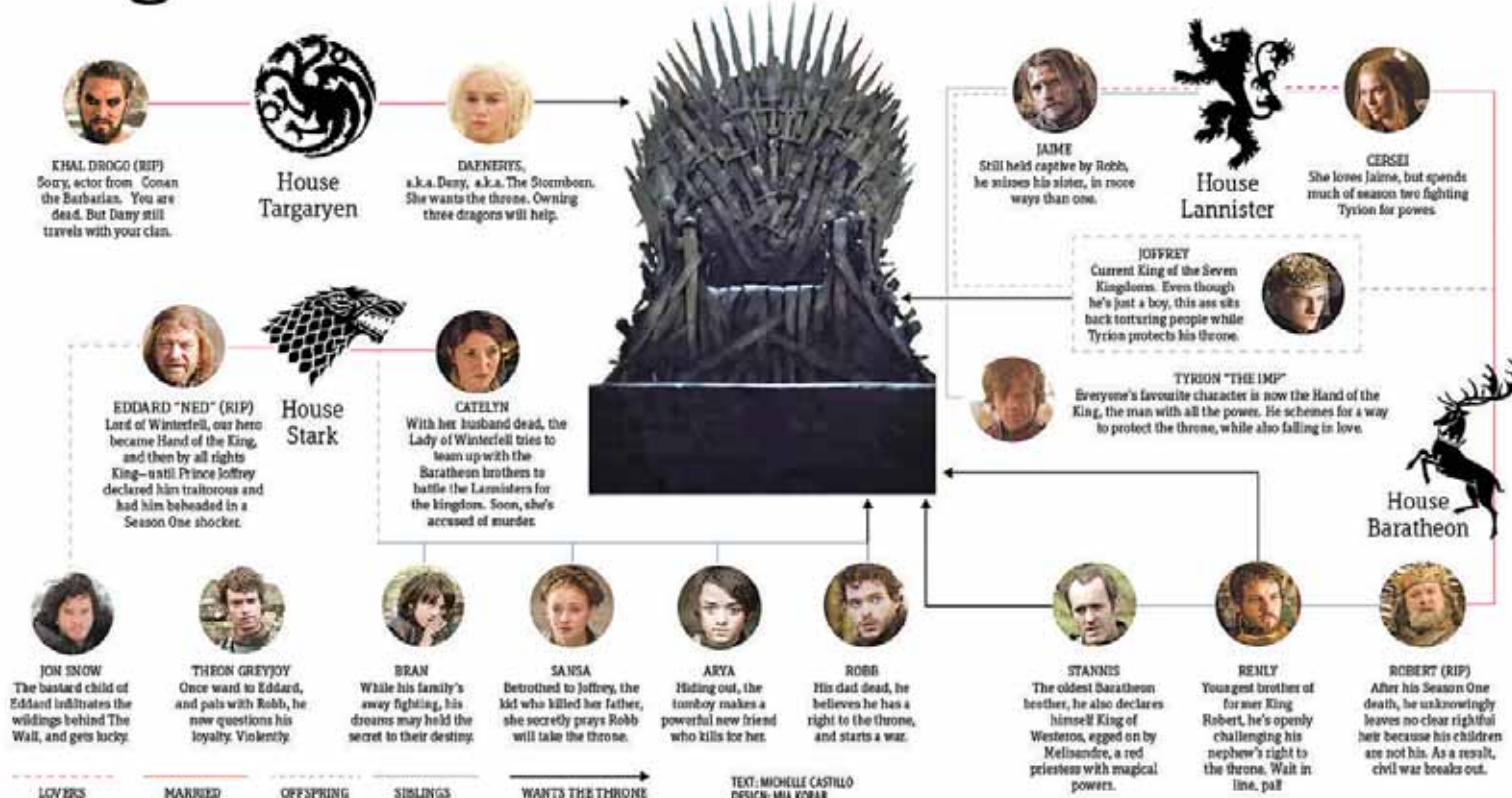
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# Ripa has a crush on Canada



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**Well, look who's in town.** Kelly Ripa says Banff shoot of her show will be 'a love note' to the Great White North

Kelly Ripa says Canadian fans of her morning talk show are "the most vocal" and full of team spirit, and she and executive producer Michael Gelman "worship them for it."

She's hoping their American viewers will pick up on that vibe and consider travelling north when Live! with Kelly broadcasts from Banff, Alta., next week.

"I think our shows in Banff will sort of be a love note to that beautiful country and the

**On her Canadian fans**

**"And in terms of the viewers, they're just the best. The second I walk into our studio in New York, I can tell if there's a lot of Canadians in the house because it's the energy."**

Kelly Ripa

pristine mountains and those panoramic vistas and all of the nature that is the unspoiled Canadian wilderness," the bubbly Ripa, 41, said in a recent conference call with reporters.

"That's what I sort of love about Canada, is that it's like this gorgeous, civilized country with so many unspoiled, diverse natural scenes. You have mountains, you have water, you have islands — you have everything to offer."

Live! with Kelly is travelling to the picturesque resort community for four shows that will air April 2 to April 5 on CTV, at 9 a.m. ET. The broadcasts will originate from the 959-seat Eric Harvie Theatre at The Banff Centre arts school.

Executive producer Michael Gelman said Banff first showed an interest in having the show travel there after the syndicated program shot in Prince Edward Island in July 2010. Live! has also taped twice in Niagara Falls.

Banff was a great fit because he'd been wanting to do another taping in Canada and he longed for a "winter weather remote."

Travel Alberta has revealed it set aside \$1.5 million to ensure the show would broadcast four shows from Banff.

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## Megan likes being a Fox

Don't hate Megan Fox because she's beautiful. The *Friends with Kids* star feels right at home with her striking looks.

"I live well with my image. I cannot complain. I would not trade my place with an unattractive girl," she tells French magazine *Jalouse*.

Of course, Fox might not be aware of exactly how the rest of the world sees her: "I hate taking pictures," she says. "I never look at them, otherwise I would have to change everything. I prefer not to see any and trust the photographer, who knows his job."



## Twilight star is now single, ladies

Twilight star Peter Facinelli officially filed for divorce from Jennie Garth this week, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to *People* magazine.

"I was very resistant. I didn't want it to happen. It took me some time to come to peace with it," Garth tells the magazine about the divorce.

"I've gone through my darkest parts and I'm coming out of it. I'm OK. I don't know what the future holds, but then I've never been a planner. And maybe that's a good thing."

Coincidentally, the two have a reality TV show debuting next month, and their divorce will reportedly be a major plot point.



Peter Facinelli

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### The Word



## Lindsay Lohan is back on the streets

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For the first time in recent history, Lindsay Lohan is not on probation, in jail, or falling out of a car.

At a hearing Thursday afternoon, Judge Stephanie Sautner — who has, historically, not been a fan of Lohan or her courtroom circus — ended the actress' formal probation after agreeing that her community service was successfully completed. In return, Lohan is required to obey all laws — even the annoying ones that we non-famous people abide by — for two-and-a-half years.

### Where's Lohan to next?

- Canada, it seems. Her upcoming Elizabeth Taylor movie is shooting in Toronto, and she's been granted a Canadian work permit, reports TMZ.

"I know it's kinda hard when people are following you all over the place, but that's the life you chose," said Sautner. "I'm not going to give a lecture because you know what you need to do. You need to live your life in a more mature way. Stop the nightclubbing and focus on your work."

Or focus on a Magic Eye — anything should do at this point, Linds. We're proud of you, and we're cancelling your standing Monday gossip reservation.



Russell Brand ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

## Did Russell Brand go back to his cheating ways while married to Katy Perry?

It's unclear what caused the sudden split between Katy Perry and Russell Brand, but Perry's pals apparently think the British comedian was being unfaithful.

One of her friends, actor Jonathan Schaech, posted on Twitter, "Cheating is easy, try doing something challenging and be faithful," and the post was retweeted by another friend of Perry, jewelry designer Markus Molinari, who added his own comment:

"Sееее Russell!"

Whatever the case may be, Perry was pretty convinced last year that Brand would be faithful: "He's made no secret of what his life was like before me, but that's then and this is the future," she told *Radar Online*.

"He's cheated in the past but he knows how good he has it with me and I know he'd never do anything to jeopardize that. I trust him 100 per cent."

## Brown formally charged with DUI

After being pulled over for using his phone behind the wheel and subsequently being arrested, Bobby Brown has been formally charged with driving under the influence, according to TMZ.

Whitney Houston's ex-husband reportedly had a blood alcohol level of .12 at the scene, sources say.

But Brown's lawyer, Tiffany Feder, doesn't want anyone rushing to judgment.

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# Taste of entertaining gets more appealing

**Wilted Spinach and Garlic Crostini.** These little bites will impress guests with their contrasting textures of crunch and softness



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Deep, earthy green spinach with lots of garlic sits atop a toasted baguette slice for the perfect contrast of crunch and softness.

For an added flavour hit, place a shaving of aged Manchego cheese on top of the spinach just before serving.

You can also make the crostini ahead of time and keep on hand for a quick appetizer.

1. Brush baguette slices with some olive oil and place them on large baking sheet. Toast the baguette slices in a 425 F (220 C) oven for about 8 minutes or until they are golden brown. Sprinkle with salt and let cool.

2. Cook spinach, one bag at a time, in large nonstick skillet over medium high heat, stirring often, for about 5 minutes or until wilted. Place in colander

and drain well. Repeat this step with the remaining bag. Set aside.

3. Heat remaining oil in skillet over medium heat. Cook garlic, anchovies and hot pepper flakes for about 2 minutes, or until turning they are golden.

4. Add the spinach and toss it to coat with olive oil and garlic

sauce. Cook everything for about 2 minutes or until it is all well coated and warmed. Remove the mixture from heat and season to taste with salt.

4. Divide mix among toasted baguette slices and serve. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA.**

## Ingredients

- Half French baguette, sliced
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Sea salt
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 anchovies, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) hot pepper flakes
- 2 bags (10 oz/300 g each) baby spinach, rinsed

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Prosecco aficionados may cringe, but the mix screams spring and is an amazing appetite enhancer, which explains why everyone in the Vento region loves a glass before dinner.

Originating in Veneto, prosecco is a lightly sparkling white wine with a characteristically dry personality that is effervescent without going full blown bubbly. Made with the glera grape variety, it's produced using the Charmat method — which means its sparkle comes from a second fermentation in a steel tank rather than inside the bottle like its competitors from Champagne.

While selection varies across the country, this is one wine style with which it's hard to find a bad example. Piera Martellozzo's Blu Giovello Prosecco (\$14.95 - \$16.99) is a bone dry version with subtle tropical fruit flavours that make it ideal for hard to match menus like sushi and Thai.

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### Pumpkin Ravioli wins

Pumpkin Ravioli with Salted Caramel Whipped Cream is the winning dish of the 2012 Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest.

TV host Martha Stewart announced on her show that Christina Verrelli, of Devon, Pa., was the winner. Verrelli wins \$1 million and \$10,000 worth of GE kitchen appliances.

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# All-stars set to collide in Halifax

**NBL Canada season finale.** Rainmen fan favourites to finish out season at all-star weekend at Metro Centre



**MATTHEW WUEST**  
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The Halifax Rainmen will put on one final show for their fans at the Metro Centre.

Although the season is over for the Rainmen, four of their players will be on the court for Sunday's National Basketball League of Canada all-star game and two others will participate in Saturday's skills competition.

All-star captain Joey Haywood will be joined by Taliek Brown, Tyrone Levett and Lawrence Wright in Sunday's all-star game.

Justin Johnson and Bryan McCullough will try their luck in Saturday's three-

## Schedule

Action starts at 1 p.m. on Saturday with an open all-star practice and autograph signing, followed by the legends game (3 p.m.), three-point shootout (4 p.m.) and dunk contest (5:30 p.m.).

Sunday's all-star game starts at 1 p.m.

## The numbers

**3**

Number of professional basketball all-star games at the Metro Centre over the past six years. The others were the 2006-07 American Basketball Association all-star game and the 2009-10 Premier Basketball League all-star game.

Gabe Freeman.

Although it's a rematch of sorts — the Lightning knocked off the Rainmen in the inaugural NBL Canada final last week — Wright ended up with Team Smith because of his status as an injury replacement.

Rainmen head coach Josep (Pep) Claros was supposed to coach Team Haywood, but he won't be here because he's already taken a job in Mexico. Rob Spon of the Quebec Kebs will take his place.

Asked to pick a winner in the 1 p.m. tilt, Levinston couldn't help but go with Team Haywood.

"I gotta go with our side," he said. "We've got some players."



Rainmen guard Taliek Brown attempts to drive past London Lightning star Gabe Freeman during the NBL Canada playoffs. Both will be on the court at the Metro Centre this weekend for the league's inaugural all-star extravaganza.

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## Dominated

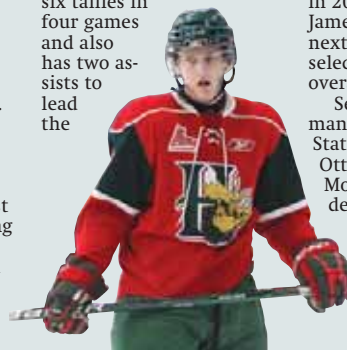
**MacKinnon No. 1 for 2013 draft: Report**

Cole Harbour's Nathan MacKinnon of the Halifax Mooseheads is ranked No. 1 for the 2013 NHL draft, according to Red Line Report, an independent scouting publication.

Red Line's 70-player list is its first monthly ranking for the 2013 draft.

MacKinnon, 16, had 31 goals and 47 assists for 78 points in 58 games this season and domin-

ated in the Mooseheads' first-round sweep of the Moncton Wildcats. He is tied for second in QMJHL playoff goal-scoring with six tallies in four games and also has two assists to lead the



Mooseheads in points.

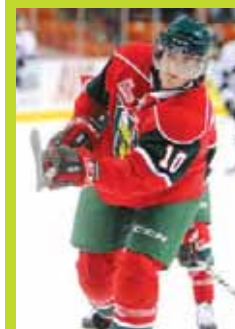
The only other Nova Scotian to go No. 1 in the NHL draft was Cole Harbour's Sidney Crosby in 2005. Lower Sackville's James Sheppard was the next highest Bluenose selection, going ninth overall in 2006.

Seth Jones, a defenceman with the United States development team, Ottawa 67's centre Sean Monahan and Finnish defenceman Aleksander Barkov are MacKinnon's closest competitors, Red Line chief scout Kyle Woodlief said.

MATTHEW WUEST/METRO

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SPORTS



## Mooseheads

**Defenceman finalist for humanitarian trophy**

Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Konrad Abeltshauser has been named a finalist for the QMJHL's Humanitarian and Community Involvement Trophy along with Vincent Barnard of the Quebec Remparts and Cedrick Henley of the Val-d'Or Foreurs. QMJHL commissioner Gilles Courteau called all three "heavily invested in their communities" and "outstanding role models." The winner will be announced at the Golden Puck awards gala on April 4 in Montreal.

## QMJHL. Mooseheads to face Remparts in quarter-finals

It's official: The Halifax Mooseheads will face the Quebec Remparts in the QMJHL quarter-finals.

The Remparts finalized the matchup by completing a four-game first-round sweep of the Drummondville Voltigeurs with a 2-1 overtime win on Thursday night. The Remparts finished fifth overall in the regular season with a 43-18-7 record, eight points ahead of the sixth-place Mooseheads, 39-22-7. The Mooseheads won the season series 2-1, with

Nathan MacKinnon's five-goal game on Dec. 3 highlighting the three-game set. Depending on arena availability, the series will start Friday, April 6 at Colisee Pepsi in Quebec City. The schedule could be finalized as early as Friday night, according to a league spokesman.

Only one first-round series — the Chicoutimi Saguenéens vs. the Bathurst Titan — still needs to be completed. The Saguenéens lead the Titan 3-1.

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## Ice dancing. Moir, Virtue golden once again

Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are back on top of the ice-dancing world.

The Olympic champions reclaimed their world title on Thursday in Nice, France, edging American rivals and defending champions Meryl Davis and Charlie White.

Skating their free dance to

Gershwin's *Funny Face*, Virtue and Moir finished the free dance with 182.65. The duo won the world crown in 2010 but finished second last year. Virtue, from London, Ont., and Moir, from Ilderton, Ont., led after Wednesday's short program.

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CFL

### Flames take on bigger ownership role with Stamps

The Calgary Flames are becoming the majority owners of the CFL's Stampede. The NHL team announced Thursday it has increased its stake in the CFL's Stampede from five per cent to a majority position.

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MLB

### A's get even with Mariners in Japan

Ichiro Suzuki came up empty in the finale of a two-game trip to Tokyo, and so did the Seattle Mariners.

The Japanese star went 0-for-4 in the Mariners' 4-1 loss to the Oakland Athletics on Thursday night that left them with a season-opening split.

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# Habs axe GM Gauthier after dismal season

**New direction.** Team adviser and franchise icon Bob Gainey also leaving his post

The struggling Montreal Canadiens have fired general manager Pierre Gauthier and parted ways with franchise icon Bob Gainey, saying the direction of the storied franchise had to change.

The NHL team announced the Gauthier firing first in a terse statement, ahead of a news conference with owner Geoff Molson.

Bob Gainey, whom Gauthier succeeded as GM, is also leaving his role as a team adviser, Molson told the news conference. Gainey and Gauthier are longtime friends.

Serge Savard, another Habs icon, will serve as an adviser to Molson in the search for a new GM.

Molson praised the Canadiens' fans and spoke about restoring the team to its former



Montreal Canadiens owner Geoff Molson speaks to reporters Thursday after announcing general manager Pierre Gauthier had been relieved of his duties. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

glory, pointing to a stockpile of draft picks and promises of acquiring new talent.

"We need to remember that our fans want us to win, period," Molson said. "Our organizational culture is to support and adopt this passion for victory. Nothing else matters."

Gauthier paid the price for

a 29-34-14 season that has the Habs languishing in the Eastern Conference basement.

"Everyone in this organization, including our players, expected better," Molson said.

The Canadiens' standard is to reach the top, not just make the playoffs, he said.

A string of moves this sea-

son did not revive the battered Canadiens.

Gauthier fired assistant coach Perry Pearn and then head coach Jacques Martin in mid-December, only to find himself in even hotter water for appointing the unilingual Randy Cunneyworth as interim coach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## Crossword

## Across

1 Suitable  
4 Egg part  
8 Eccentric  
12 Appomattox  
VIP  
13 "Super-food"  
fruit  
14 Met melody  
15 Stuff drifting  
in the ocean  
17 Depend (on)  
18 Hit  
19 Jewel  
21 Trawler need  
22 Quantum theo-  
rist Max  
26 Lay out  
29 Muppet master  
Henson  
30 Before  
31 Vague  
32 Swindle  
33 Ontario tribe  
34 "— Town"  
35 Salary  
36 Go in search of  
prey  
37 Pluto, once  
39 That girl  
40 High times  
41 Get snug  
45 Addict  
48 Banana's cousin  
50 Bucks' mates  
51 Re planes  
52 Rest-room, for  
short  
53 Micro-wave,  
jocularly  
54 Is going to  
55 Weeps

## Down

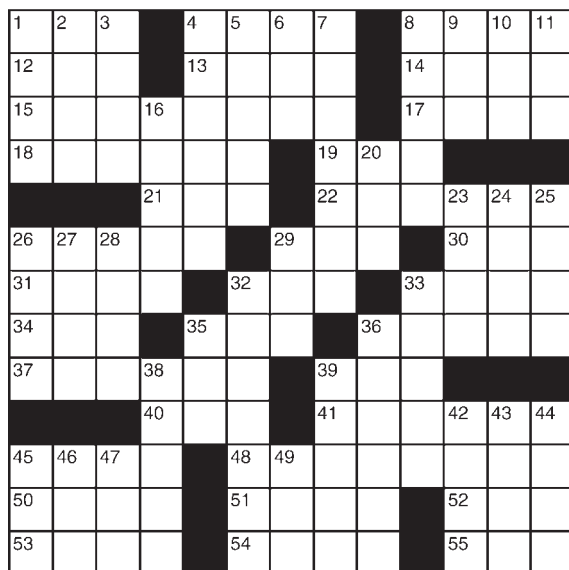
1 Heidi's range  
2 Hide  
3 Rend  
4 Talked  
on and on  
5 Four pairs  
6 "7 Faces of

Dr. —"

7 Leader  
8 Fate  
9 Raw  
rock  
10 Lubricate  
11 Band-leader  
Kyser  
16 Fool  
20 Shade source  
23 Infamous lyricist  
24 Team of work-  
ers  
25 Nautical stabi-  
lizer  
26 Buy stuff  
27 Cohort of Ringo  
28 Pound of  
poetry  
29 Bliss  
32 Dupe

33 Top of a wave  
35 Energy  
36 Carbolic acid  
38 Hospital em-  
ployee  
39 Tangle  
42 Body powder  
43 Taleteller  
44 Jealousy  
45 Grecian vessel  
46 Old French coin  
47 "A mouse!"  
49 Mainlander's  
memento

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## Sudoku



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's answer

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 3 |
| 4 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| 7 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 6 |
| 5 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| 9 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| 2 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| 8 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 4 |

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- **Dear Pasta.** I love you in red sauce and I love you in white sauce. Alfredo, and a la Vodka. You make my day when it's dinner time. That's a spicy meat a ball!! From Not a Manja Cake
- **JG.** Its sad that i can't tell how much i like you ? (56) When i see you my Heart beats When people talk about you my Heart beats When i hear your name my Heart beats (Why me?) what kind of feeling is this? Look now my Heart is beating because i am thinking about you. ? I like everything about you And hope you will read the newspaper God give me power to tell him how much i like him. From Your secret crush
- **MX.** I want us to work dont break my heart again I love now & forever. NN

## Horoscope

## ♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You need to make changes and spend less time worrying what other people think of you. Most think highly of you anyway.

## ♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

You will come out of your shell to-day and make a good impression on everyone you meet.

## ♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

This is an excellent time for new alliances and new beginnings. Change is good for you. The world will smile on you so be yourself.

## ♊ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

If something you are working on seems to be taking up all of your time, that's a sign you should be working on other things.

## ♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

A lot of things are happening over which you have no control. Don't worry. You won't sink without trace.

## ♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Someone may think they've forced you into a corner but they're mad if they think you will change.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will find it easier to get along with people you work with on a daily basis, and that's good because you are going to need allies over the next few weeks.

## ♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

Go all out over the next few days to start something new, something creative, something that you will be remembered for.

## ♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 -

Dec. 21. Your main need now is to find a space you can call your own. You deserve some peace and quiet for a change.

## ♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan

20. If you have not planned anything for the next couple of days then get planning now. Travel and social plans are well starred now.

## ♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

You'll have to make some tough decisions early next week concerning what you own, what you earn.

## ♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Make it a priority to have as much fun as possible over the next 24 hours. Get the most out of life.

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